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ASSISTANCE ON GABALA RADAR STATION

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(C) Further to reftel, on July 13 poloff followed up with Latvian Embassy in Baku regarding the Latvian proposal to offer Azerbaijan assistance on the Gabala Radar Station, based on Latvia's experience with the Skrunda radar station in the early 1990s. Latvian CDA told poloff that its Embassy in Baku had raised the proposal with Azerbaijani Deputy Minister of Foreign Affairs on July 6.

He said that Azimov seemed interested, but promised that he would give them a concrete answer in August. If Azerbaijan agrees, the issue of Gabala/Skrunda would be added to the formal bilateral "political dialogue" scheduled to take place between the two countries in September 2007. Latvian CDA noted that Azimov's reaction seemed more open than it did last year when the idea was presented, but it was far from clear how the Azerbaijanis would ultimately react to such a proposal. The Latvian Embassy promised to keep us informed of any developments.

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